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Applicants : William L. Thomas et al.
Application No.: 09/973,976 Confirmation No.: 9820
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For : SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR MANAGING THE
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As shown in red ink on the enclosed marked-up copy of the Filing Receipt, this application has been incorrectly accorded a filing date of "October 11, 2001." As shown on the enclosed "Shipment History" printout from the USPS Web site, this application has a date of deposit of "October 9, 2001." The USPS stamped the date of deposit of "October 9, 2001" on the back side of the mailing label, as shown on the enclosed copy. The enclosed copies of various application papers show that the "Express Mail" mailing label number was

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(c), Applicants petition that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issue a corrected Filing Receipt in which the filing date of "October 9, 2001" is accorded to this application.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may be due, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

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SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR MANAGING
THE DISTRIBUTION OF ON-DEMAND MEDIA

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional patent application Nos. 60/239,522, filed October 11, 2000, 60/252,171, filed November 20, 2000, and 60/270,351, filed February 21, 2001, which are hereby incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.

Background of the Invention

[0002] This invention relates to on-demand media in an interactive television application, and more particularly, to systems and methods for managing the distribution of on-demand media in an interactive television application.

[0003] On-demand media, such as audio selections, video selections, electronic publications, electronic games, and software applications, are available to a user upon request. On-demand media is often requested for immediate distribution to the user's home equipment. The distribution of the on-demand media occurs at a certain bandwidth associated with the media. However, if the user's request for on-demand media requires more bandwidth than is currently available, the user's request can be rejected.

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TITLE: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR MANAGING THE DISTRIBUTION
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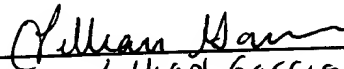
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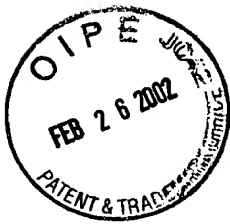
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SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR MANAGING THE
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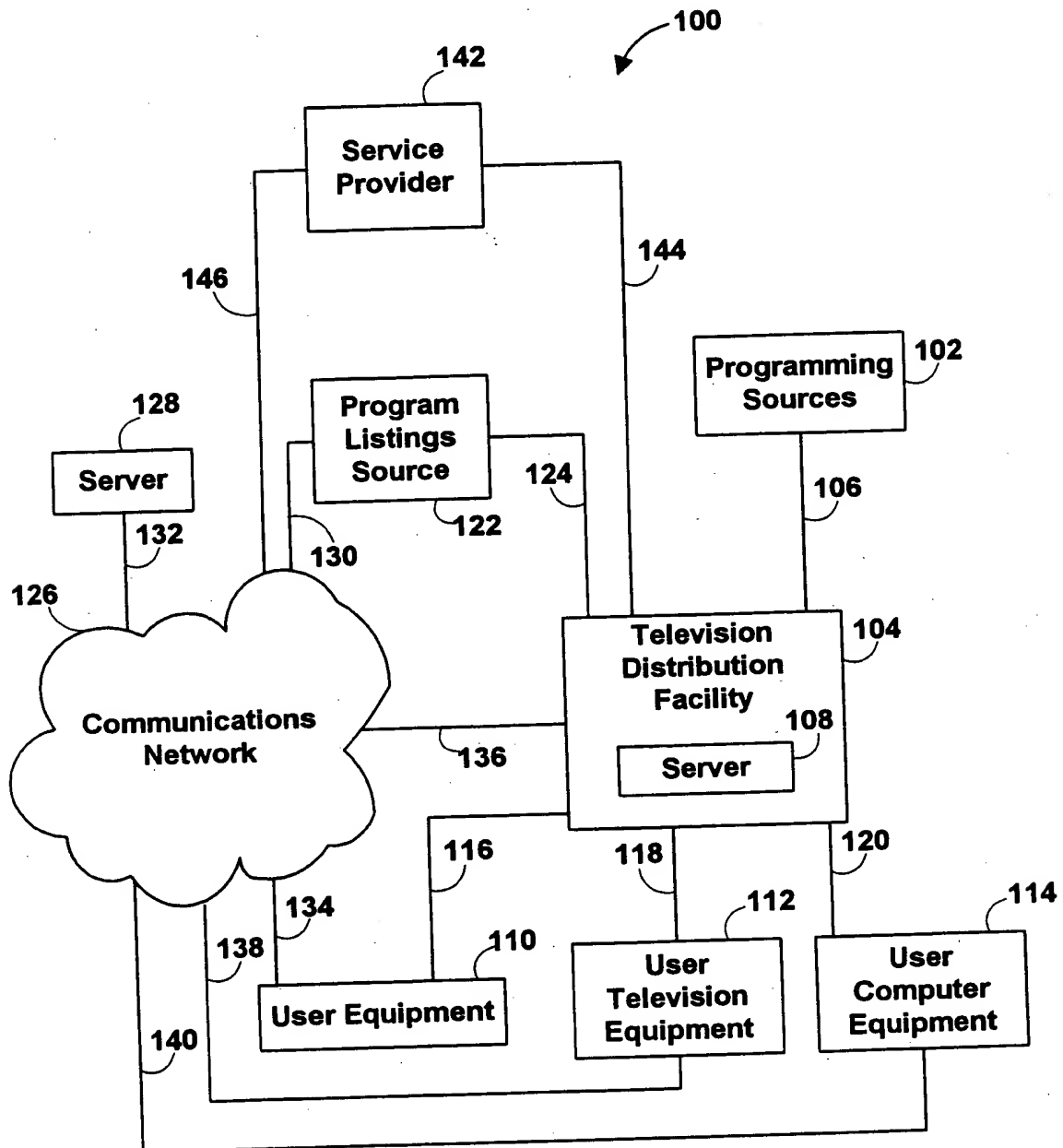


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Systems and methods for managing the distribution of on-demand media

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